

## CHAPTER NO. 243

## SENATE BILL NO. 1174

**By Harper, Bryson, Ramsey, Beavers, Black, Burchett, Burks, Chism, Cohen, Cooper, Crowe, Crutchfield, Finney, Ford, Fowler, Hagood, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Jackson, Ketron, Kilby, Kurita, Kyle, McLeary, McNally, Miller, Norris, Curtis S. Person, Jr., Southerland, Tracy, Williams, Mr. Speaker Wilder**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 991**

**By Vaughn, Favors, Marrero, Larry Turner**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to emergency vehicles.

WHEREAS, emergency vehicles are often on critical missions and driven at high rates of speed; and

WHEREAS, many persons driving such vehicles may lack adequate or comprehensive training and may be subject to making dangerous errors; and

WHEREAS, although emergency vehicles are designed and equipped to save lives and property, they may themselves be the cause of loss of life and of property; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Vanessa K. Free Emergency Services Training Act of 2005".

SECTION 2. (a) It is the intent of the general assembly that each person who drives an emergency vehicle in its official capacity shall be adequately trained to drive such emergency vehicle. Documentation by the agency providing training shall include:

(1) Training in the operation of the vehicle in emergency and non-emergency situations;

(2) A review of all applicable laws pertaining to emergency vehicles; and

(3) Training to respond to actions of non-emergency vehicles.

Each emergency vehicle driver shall take not less than two (2) hours of training annually, and each emergency vehicle driver shall take and pass a comprehensive examination pertaining to Section 2(a)(1), (2) and (3) every year.

(b) The provisions of this section shall apply to all law enforcement personnel, firefighters, including volunteer firefighters, rescue personnel, including volunteer rescue personnel, and emergency services personnel.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 11, 2005

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR